

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application and Claims.

35 CFR 1.105 Requirement

Applicants have been required to provide information that the Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of the instant Application. In the Office Action, it is indicated that this information is required to complete the record so that an "analysis of potential public disclosure ..." can be made. Specifically, in the Office Action, information regarding the operational aspects of a service called "trading exchange" that were made public before December 5, 1999 is requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the information that is requested is not readily available to Applicants. This assertion is provided as a complete reply to the outstanding request for information in accordance with 35 CFR 1.105(a)(3). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the Application and Claims as amended in the previous response that was filed July 19, 2007.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all Claims in the instant Application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 50-4160.

Respectfully submitted,
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